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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 and 28-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 and 28-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. The RCE and amendment filed 10/22/04 have been entered. Claims 24-27 have been cancelled.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-23 and 28-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godfrey et al (6463463) and Barnett et al (6369840).

4. Regarding claim 1, Godfrey et al show an electronic calendar system (column 3 lines 40-45, column 4 lines 17-30) with: a plurality of wireless devices (column 4 lines 58-63, column 7 lines 40-43), an access point in wireless communication with the wireless devices (column 3 lines 20-38, column 7 lines 35-50), a server connected to the access point (column 7 lines 30-45), with the wireless devices being connected to the server through the access point in order to equally retrieve calendar data service (column 7 lines 39-5, column 8 lines 25-35, column 9 lines 1-15, Figure 1). Godfrey et al do not specifically mention that the wireless devices are operating in a group such that the calendar is a group calendar which each of the devices are able to modify, but

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do mention efficient communication of calendar information among the wireless users. Furthermore, Barnett et al do show wireless devices operating in a group such that the calendar is a group calendar which each of the devices are able to modify (Figures 8, 21, 22, column 3 lines 55-61, column 10 lines 40-55, column 21 lines 4-35 and 55-67, column 22 lines 1-15 and 40-60) for efficient communication of calendar information among the wireless users. It would have been obvious to have this in Godfrey et al, because it would provide efficient communication of calendar information among the wireless users.

5. Regarding claim 2, the network is the Internet (Godfrey et al column 7 lines 38-42).

6. Regarding claim 3, a device may be connected through a second access point (Godfrey et al column 7 lines 30-40, column 4 lines 50-66).

7. Regarding claim 4, a global address server is connected to the access (Godfrey et al column 7 lines 25-40).

8. Regarding claim 5, the data is retrieved from the server by the wireless devices (Godfrey et al column 8 lines 25-32).

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9. Regarding claim 6, calendar and data are retrieved from the server by wireless devices authenticated to be a member of the group (Godfrey et al column 12 lines 57-65). The obviousness to combine the group calendar feature of the Barnett et al reference is stated in paragraph 4 of this Office Action.

10. Regarding claim 7, in addition to that mentioned for claim 6, the authentication is done by the user (Godfrey et al column 12 lines 57-65).

11. Regarding claim 8, the calendar is displayed on the wireless devices having dates listed in linear fashion (Godfrey et al Figure 10). The obviousness to combine the group calendar feature of the Barnett et al reference is stated in paragraph 4 of this Office Action.

12. Regarding claim 9, in addition to that mentioned for claim 8, Godfrey et al do not specifically go into the details of different colors for calendar entries, but do mention presenting calendar entries for easy recognition and access (column 16 lines 11-35). Furthermore, Barnett et al present data on a user interfaces in different colors for easy recognition and access (column 13 lines 10-25). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have this in Godfrey et al, because it would present calendar entries for easy recognition and access.

13. Regarding claim 10, in addition to that mentioned for claim 8, the display changes when a new entry is typed on the keyboard (Godfrey et al column 9 lines 52-62 for example).

14. Regarding claim 11, the calendar data may partly be originated from another application of the server (like the e-mail application in Godfrey et al column 10 lines 25-40). The obviousness to combine the group calendar feature of the Barnett et al reference is stated in paragraph 4 of this Office Action.

15. Claim 12 shows the same features as claim 1 (note that the wireless devices forming a family is synonymous with the wireless devices forming a group) and is rejected for the same reasons.

16. Regarding claim 13, in addition to the aforementioned, each devices has individual calendar data only accessible by itself (Godfrey et al column 12 lines 57-65).

17. Regarding claims 14, the server also has personal data that is accessed equally (Godfrey et al column 8 lines 45-56).

18. Regarding claim 15, in addition to that mentioned for claim 14, Godfrey et al do not specifically say the personal data is used in forming the family or group calendar, but do mention efficient communication of calendar information among the wireless

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users. Furthermore, Barnett et al do show using personal data to form the family or group calendar (column 3 lines 55-61, column 10 lines 40-55, column 21 lines 4-35 and 55-67, column 22 lines 1-15 and 40-60) for efficient communication of calendar information among the wireless users. It would have been obvious to have this in Godfrey et al, because it would provide efficient communication of calendar information among the wireless users

19. Regarding claim 16, different weekly and daily views may be available in linear fashion (Godfrey et al Figures 6, 10-13). The obviousness to combine the group calendar feature of the Barnett et al reference is stated in paragraph 4 of this Office Action.

20. Regarding claim 17, in addition to that mentioned for claim 12, note explicitly that the calendar of Godfrey et al is displayed on each of the wireless devices (column 7 lines 39-5, column 8 lines 25-35, column 9 lines 1-15).

21. Claim 18, the devices are connected through an access point (Godfrey et al column 7 lines 30-40, column 4 lines 50-66).

22. Regarding claim 19, in addition to that mentioned for claim 18, the access point is connected via the Internet (Godfrey et al column 7 lines 38-42).

23. Regarding claim 20, a global address server is connected to the access (Godfrey et al column 7 lines 25-40).

24. Regarding claim 21, in addition to that mentioned for claim 12, Godfrey et al do not specifically mention the notice board data, but do mention efficient communication of data to the users. Furthermore, Barnett et al do show the notice board data for efficient communication of data to the users (column 5 lines 44-65, column 10 lines 40-60). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have this in Godfrey et al, because it would provide efficient communication of data to the users.

25. Regarding claim 22, the server also has personal data that is accessed equally (Godfrey et al column 8 lines 45-56).

26. Regarding claim 23, in addition to that mentioned for claim 1, note again the gateway system from the terminal with identifier to the communication service via the access point (column 7 lines 35-43, column 10 lines 53-67), and browser with configuration tools (column 10 lines 45-65).

27. Regarding claim 28, in addition to that mentioned for claim 6, note that the group calendar of Barnett et al is such that a member of the group provides a command to change content of the group calendar so that the other members receive the latest information (column 10 lines 43-54).

28. Regarding claim 29, in addition to that mentioned for claim 6, note that Godfrey et al mentions the private calendar (column 8 lines 23-40).

29. Regarding claim 30, in addition to that mentioned for claim 29, Godfrey et al do not specifically mention an event placed in the group calendar is also placed in the notice board, but do mention efficient communication of data to the users. Furthermore, Barnett et al do show an event placed in the group calendar is also placed in the notice board for efficient communication of data to the users (column 5 lines 44-65, column 10 lines 40-60). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have this in Godfrey et al, because it would provide efficient communication of data to the users.

30. Regarding claim 31, in addition to that mentioned for claim 30, the event may be originated from another application of the server (like the e-mail application in Godfrey et al column 10 lines 25-40).

31. Regarding claim 32, in addition to that mentioned for claim 12, note that the group calendar of Barnett et al is such that a member of the group provides a command to change content of the group calendar so that the other members receive the latest information (column 10 lines 43-54).

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32. Regarding claim 33, in addition to that mentioned for claim 12, note that Godfrey et al mentions the private calendar (column 8 lines 23-40).

33. Regarding claim 34, in addition to that mentioned for claim 33, Godfrey et al do not specifically mention an event placed in the group calendar is also placed in a notice board, but do mention efficient communication of data to the users. Furthermore, Barnett et al do show an event placed in the group calendar is also placed in the notice board for efficient communication of data to the users (column 5 lines 44-65, column 10 lines 40-60). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have this in Godfrey et al, because it would provide efficient communication of data to the users.

34. Regarding claim 35, in addition to that mentioned for claim 34, the event may be originated from another application (like the e-mail application in Godfrey et al column 10 lines 25-40).

35. Regarding claim 36, in addition to that mentioned for claim 17, note that the group calendar of Barnett et al is such that a member of the group provides a command to change content of the group calendar so that the other members receive the latest information (column 10 lines 43-54).

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36. Regarding claim 37, in addition to that mentioned for claim 17, note that Godfrey et al mentions the private calendar (column 8 lines 23-40).

37. Regarding claim 38, in addition to that mentioned for claim 37, Godfrey et al do not specifically mention an event placed in the group calendar is also placed in a notice board, but do mention efficient communication of data to the users. Furthermore, Barnett et al do show an event placed in the group calendar is also placed in the notice board for efficient communication of data to the users (column 5 lines 44-65, column 10 lines 40-60). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have this in Godfrey et al, because it would provide efficient communication of data to the users.

34. Regarding claim 39, in addition to that mentioned for claim 38, the event may be originated from another application (like the e-mail application in Godfrey et al column 10 lines 25-40).

35. Regarding claim 40, in addition to that mentioned for claim 21, note that the group calendar of Barnett et al is such that a member of the group provides a command to change content of the group calendar so that the other members receive the latest information (column 10 lines 43-54).

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36. Regarding claim 41, in addition to that mentioned for claim 21, note that Godfrey et al mentions the private calendar (column 8 lines 23-40).

37. Regarding claim 42, in addition to that mentioned for claim 41, Godfrey et al do not specifically mention an event placed in the group calendar is also placed in a notice board, but do mention efficient communication of data to the users. Furthermore, Barnett et al do show an event placed in the group calendar is also placed in the notice board for efficient communication of data to the users (column 5 lines 44-65, column 10 lines 40-60). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have this in Godfrey et al, because it would provide efficient communication of data to the users.


38. Regarding claim 43, in addition to that mentioned for claim 42, the event may be originated from another application (like the e-mail application in Godfrey et al column 10 lines 25-40).

39. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

40. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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